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After receiving additional \$3,333 in grant funds recently Elba Rec Department planning Healthy Living Expo for Saturday, Jan. 11, in downtown Elba

Grant funds received by the City of Elba's recreation department have paved the way for a special event to be hosted Saturday, Jan. 11, in Elba.



house location, and the Court House Square in downtown Elba.

Daniels-Hamilton said this should be a great community event as well as a great opportunity for citizens interested in becoming more healthy in 2020 to learn more about ways to do that.

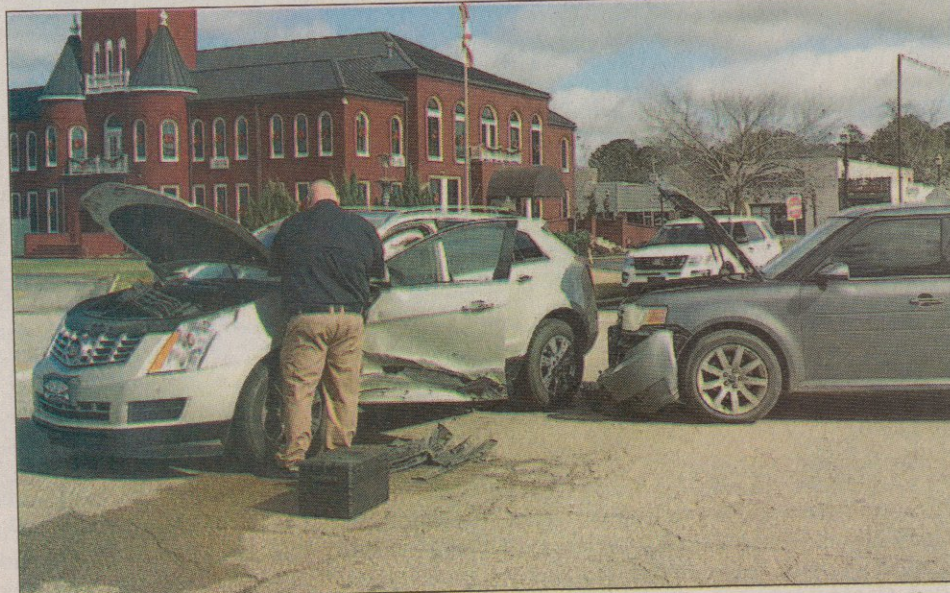
According to Daniels-Hamilton, all this is made possible by a \$30,000 Access to Healthy Foods Grant received by the Elba Recreation Department from the National Parks and Recreation Association and the Walmart Foundation. She said the goals of the grant are to increase the number of meals served to children

during the summer months; adopt HEPA (Healthy Eating and Physical Activity) Standards; and implement a Nutrition Curriculum in the recreation department's programs.

An additional \$3,333 in grant funds presented recently to the Elba Recreation Department made way for the upcoming Jan. 11th inter-generational event.

"Our overall plans are to do this community event in January and then host a 5K Run in the Spring," Daniels-Hamilton said in regards to the recent grant funds received by the rec department.

For more information or to participate in the event, contact Beverly Daniels-Hamilton at 334-763-0814 or excelprojectelba@gmail.com or Greg Hanchey, Elba Recreation Director, at 334-897-6833.



The two-vehicle accident was the first of two that happened within 20 minutes of one another Tuesday, Dec. 24, in downtown Elba. No injuries resulted from this accident.

Two accidents happen within minutes of each other on Christmas Eve in downtown Elba

Elba Police and Elba Firefighters responded Tuesday, Dec. 24, to two separate vehicle accidents that occurred within minutes of one another, as well as, within eyesight of one another.

Just after noon last Tuesday, the call came in on a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Davis Street and Court Street in downtown Elba. Upon arrival on scene, Elba Police and Elba Firefighters found that a vehicle traveling on Court Street had pulled into oncoming traffic on Davis Street. Both vehicles were damaged by the accident, however, both drivers escaped without injury.

Approximately 20 minutes later as first responders were finishing up with the crash at Davis/Court streets, a collision could be

heard just down the road. Only a few blocks down on Davis Street at the intersection Cordelia Street two vehicles again had collided in basically the same fashion as the earlier accident.

A vehicle crossing Cordelia Street came into the oncoming traffic on Davis Street, and the two vehicles collided. Elba Police and Elba Firefighters again responded.

While the vehicles did receive damage, no significant injuries resulted from this accident either. A driver of one of the involved vehicles was checked out by EMS responders due to pain he was experiencing, but the driver did not appear to have a significant injury caused by the accident.

Both accidents were investigated by Elba Police.



This two-vehicle accident happened only 20 minutes after the one above and was literally within eyesight from the other. Again, no significant injuries were reported.

Area Happenings

COFFEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT will hold its monthly board meeting Thursday, Jan. 9, at 9 a.m., at the Coffee County Commission Room, 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala.



FORMER ELBA TIGER RECEIVES ACCOLADES AT COLLEGE LEVEL...Alex Wright, a 2019 graduate of Elba High School played Defensive End this football season for the UAB Blazers, and Wright's play earned him the collegiate honor of being named to Conference USA's 2019 Football All-Freshman Team. The former Elba Tiger has a tremendous season for the UAB Blazers. For more information on this season and the honor bestowed upon him, please see the article written on Page 7 of today's paper!

The Elba Clipper takes a look back at the top headlines from 2019

TOP STORIES FROM JANUARY 2019

- The January 3, 2019 edition reported the deaths of three young men from Elba in a car crash near Kinston, Ala. The wreck occurred Dec. 30th. Killed were Jakan Kyle, Quentin Bryan and Branden Nelson, all of Elba.

- Many in Elba tuned in Thursday, Jan. 3, for the premiere of the new NBC network television show "The Titan Games" with Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson. The draw for Elba was hometown girl Dr. Ayonna Procter, age 33, of Mariposa, California, participating. Procter was a 2004 graduate of Elba High School.

- Dave Sutton accepted the oath of office Monday, Jan. 14, for his fourth term as Sheriff of Coffee County during a ceremony held in New Brockton.

TOP STORIES FROM FEBRUARY 2019

- The Elba Volunteer Fire Department responded Thursday, Feb. 7, just after the noon hour to a house fire at 591 County Road 331. The home was engulfed in flames when the initial 911 call came in to 911 dispatch around 11:53 a.m.
- The Elba City Council meeting on Monday night,

Feb. 11, approved a resolution creating a policy for outside employment of off-duty police officers. According to Police Chief Leslie Hussey, some questions had come up regarding police officers being utilized by other entities for security purposes on their "off duty" days from the department. The resolution clarified the details to allow outside employment for off-duty officers.

- Elba Street department and Water and Electric crews routinely check the flood gates, the two large pumps, the numerous flap gates in the levee and the levee itself. Monday morning, Feb. 25, the employees activated each of the three flood gates, cleaned the tracks in the roadways, oiled and greased bearings, and gears as training for employees.

TOP STORIES FROM MARCH 2019

- A special ceremony held early Friday morning, March 1, was about more than just honoring the life of Coffee County Sheriff C.F. "Neil" Grantham, it also was about thanking today's first responders for all they do for the community. March 1st was the 40th anniversary of Sheriff Grantham being shot and killed

in front of the old Coffee County Jail on Putnam Street in Elba.

- On Thursday, March 7, the Coffee County Board of Education approved the hire of Rudy Free to be the new head varsity football coach and a teacher at Kinston School.

- On Thursday morning, March 14, Twelfth Judicial Circuit District Attorney Tom Anderson and Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton announced the arrest of Joey Grissett, age 46, of Coffee County Road 663 in Coffee Springs, Ala., for the suspected murder of Ricky Brown, age 56. Brown had family ties to the Kinston and Basin communities in Coffee County.

- Elba Parks and Recreation received good news Wednesday, March 20, that the rec program had been awarded a \$30,000 grant. The grant came from the National Recreation and Park Association [NRPA] and the Walmart Foundation. The joint project between those two entities was to increase the number of healthy meals served to children during out-of-school times, provide evidence-based nutrition education to children and families and implement healthy eating and physical

activity standards.

TOP STORIES FROM APRIL 2019

- Coffee County Board of Education members heard a plea Thursday, April 3, from Zion Chapel student Savannah Parker for the board to reconsider a decision to drop the AP [Advance Placement] program at the high school. Parker said she was speaking on behalf of a unified Zion Chapel student body in her capacity as SGA vice president. She expressed concerns from the student body regarding a decision for the discontinuation of the AP Program.

- Coffee County officials arrested two county residents Wednesday, April 10, in conjunction with a kidnapping. Officials received a call around 9 a.m. that morning referencing a female had been kidnapped at gunpoint from Coffee County Road 114 in the New Hope community. After responding to the scene, he said deputies determined that Jeremy Morgan, age 34, of County Road 133, Jack, Ala., had allegedly taken a female at gunpoint. Later that night, Jeremy Morgan, was arrested and charged with kidnapping - first degree.



EDITOR'S PICK: TOP STORY OF 2019

Elba E911 Dispatcher delivers baby

This group of Elba Police Department employees had a night they will never forget Saturday, March 16, as dispatcher Jesse Jones (front, center) delivered a baby from inside a vehicle in front of the police department in downtown Elba. Jones said the help he received from his fellow co-workers on duty was invaluable in assuring a positive outcome to this emergency. Pictured with Jones are (front, l to r) fellow dispatchers Elizabeth Snell and Denise Boyd, right; and (back, l to r) Officer Robert Seagle and Sgt. Chase Rogers.

Just after 11 p.m. that night, Jones took a call from a frantic mother-in-law explaining her daughter-in-law was in labor and she did not feel she would make it to the hospital. Knowing Haynes Ambulance had just been dispatched to another call, Jones did not hesitate when he advised the caller to come to the police department. Jones went outside to check on the expectant mother, and he said the first thing she said to him was, "I've got to push!"

When Jones determined there was no waiting for the medics to arrive, Officer Seagle went inside to let Dispatcher Boyd know and get a new estimated time of arrival from Haynes. He said he rushed back to give that to Jones only to find out, "too late, we have a baby!"

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves." — Bill Vaughan

Clearly a number of our readers could relate to our 'lost glove' issue last week. Well it ended on a positive note as we found the missing glove at home down behind a sofa cushion. We are happy to not be purchasing a new pair of gloves but more importantly we enjoyed bringing a grandfather back to life for a short time through the memory of his personal lost glove antics.

The helicopter pilot who crashed and died in Headland recently was Doug Davis who once served as Scout Master of the Elba Boy Scout troop. We have not seen the official results of his death, but the prevailing opinion was that he had a health issue and was attempting to land safely but didn't quite make it to the ground before losing control and the chopper rolling onto its side as it neared the ground. The rest of his crew walked away from the scene.

If you have any Jewish friends — reach out to them. If you don't know what to say, just say "I'm sorry." Remember they are God's children as well as you are and the increased violence Jewish people are experiencing these days right here in the good ole US of A is deplorable. If you don't have any Jewish friends to reach out to . . . well reach out to one of ours with the same message.

However, there was also violence in a non-Jewish church near Ft. Worth, Texas this past weekend. Two people were killed in shotgun blasts before the shooter himself was killed. Could this be two pieces of the same puzzle??? We are of the opinion that many of these tragic killings are copycat actions by . . . pardon our language . . . nut cases. That is not the total answer as many of them are likely just mean folks who have hatred in their hearts and feel this stupidity, revenge, etc., will make things right for them.

Everything isn't bad but . . . it is hard to wrap ones arms around the tragic death of three teenage girls in Gevena Christmas evening. They were out enjoying life visiting friends and comparing Christmas gifts when they hit that oak tree. It killed three of the five in the vehicle. These girls were reportedly top students, active cheerleaders, active in community and other school activities. Say a prayer for their families. Also hug your children as they go out the door . . . you never know what is going to happen next.

Two new multimillion-dollar wood products plants are planned for West Alabama and will utilize the Tombigbee River to ship their products to the Port of Mobile for export worldwide. This helps justify the recently announced federal funding for work on the Port of Mobile. Also the river shipping ability clears Coffee County folks from any guilt of "Why didn't you get one of those plants in our area?" The Pea River only has enough water for that kind of shipping during floods and we would rather that not happen again any time soon.

Americans are so obsessed with social media that they are souring their prize toy. Recent studies have shown that false stories are 70 % more likely to be retweeted than true ones; the false stories are also six times faster reaching social media users than a true one. We have no idea why either of these facts exist, but they are here and we must live with them until a bunch of folks realize the above and say, "no more of that for me."



Corene Daniels (seated) waves along with her daughter, Beverly Daniels-Hamilton while in port in San Juan during a 7-Day Christmas cruise enjoyed by several members of the Daniels family. At age 83, Mrs. Corene took her first-ever flight to Miami where the family boarded the Carnival Conquest cruise ship for this fun-filled adventure!

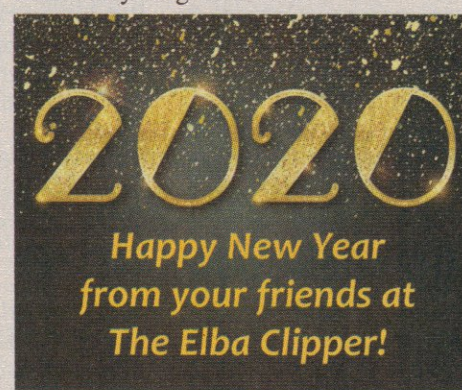
Elba's Corene Daniels says "You're Never Too Old" to experience some things for the first time!

At 83 years old, Mrs Corene Daniels of Elba took her first airplane ride recently!

Corene flew out of Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta, Ga. to Miami, Fla. where she boarded the Carnival Conquest ship for a 7-Day Cruise. Ten of her family members including her daughter Beverly, grandchildren Trent, Neka, Antonio and Dashaia, daughter-in-law Linda Jean Daniels, daughter-in-law's mom, Emma Ware, and Emma's children Sara and Larry Tate, enjoyed the beautiful sites of Amber Cove, Dominican Republic, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, San Juan Puerto Rico, and The Grand Turk.

Mrs. Corene enjoyed the trip immensely and was amazed at God's Handiwork. So

many of her family and friends gave her support to make her dreams of travel happen. She is so very thankful and appreciative of your gifts of love!



Don't let your fireworks fun be a nuisance to others

We've been enjoying the the start of not only a new year but a new decade as well this week. In celebrating this time, many have been enjoying the age-old past-time of "shooting fireworks" for the holiday.

While it actually is not legal to shoot fireworks in the city limits of Elba, for as long as many can remember, it has been allowed as long as those setting the fireworks off are considerate of their neighbors, etc. and do not create a noise disturbance or other problems.

Over the Christmas and New Year's holidays, there have been several complaints regarding fireworks in the late night/early morning hours of night. Some citizens have said the "firework bandits" have startled them by setting the fireworks off too late and waking people up while others have been upset that the fireworks have scared their young children and/or pets.

Even now with the holidays past, there most likely will be lingering sounds of fireworks for several nights... If you are one setting off the fireworks, please be considerate of those around you and only do this at appropriate times of night (i.e.. before 9 p.m. might be a good idea).

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Monday, Dec. 23, and Sunday, Dec. 29, made the following arrests: one on warrants and one for driving under the influence.

There were nine traffic citations and nine traffic warnings [verbal and written] issued by Elba Police officers during the

timeframe of Dec. 23rd — Dec. 29th.

MONDAY, DEC. 23 — Officers took a report at the police department from a walk-in complainant referencing a hit and run on Highway 84 (6:40 p.m.).

TUESDAY, DEC. 24 — Officer responded to a suspicious person complaint on Reese Ave (3:43 a.m.); Of-

ficers responded to a motor vehicle accident on W Davis St (11:45 a.m.); Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident on W Davis St (12:03 p.m.); Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident at W Davis St and Cordelia Ave (12:24 p.m.); Officer responded to a complaint on Lee St in reference to a 4-wheeler driving without lights — officer made contact but the vehicle took off and officer did not give chase due to agency policy (5:51 p.m.); Officer advised hearing possible gunshots in area of Jones St — patrolled the area but was unable to locate anyone firing a gun (6:06 p.m.); Officers responded to a loud music complaint on Adkinson Ave (11:53 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25 — Officers met with a complainant in area of the Inland store in reference to a verbal altercation (10:29 p.m.).

THURSDAY, DEC. 26 — Officers met with a complainant in area of Putnam St in reference to a past tense burglary (7:13 a.m.); Officers met with a complainant in area of County Rd 407 in reference to a reckless driver on a dirt road (4:48 p.m.); Officers responded to reports of shots fired in area of Carver Dr — officers advised no contact with any weapons being fired however fire-

works had been discharged (5:24 p.m.); Officers responded to reports of minors throwing fireworks into the road in the area of Hwy 166 — advised the fireworks were unintentionally in the road (7:55 p.m.).

FRIDAY, DEC. 27 — Officers contacted a suspicious person and vehicle on Larkin Rd (8:58 a.m.); Officer responded to a suspicious activity call on Hwy 203 (8:35 p.m.).

SATURDAY, DEC. 28 — Officers responded to a domestic call on County Rd 243 — second party was gone upon arrival by officers (7:47 a.m.); Officer performed a traffic stop on E Davis St — found the driver to be having a medical emergency (9:15 a.m.); Officers responded to a complaint call on Plant Ave (9:30 a.m.); Officer met with a complainant in lobby of police department in reference to a past tense assault (11:02 a.m.); Officer met with a complainant in the lobby of the police department in reference to harassing communications (12:04 p.m.); Officers responded to the scene of a single vehicle accident on Old Samson Rd (8:18 p.m.); Officers responded to a domestic altercation on Edgewood Dr — parties were separated (9:09 p.m.).

SUNDAY, DEC. 29 — Officers responded to a domestic call on Taylor Mill Rd — second party left before officers arrived (1:56 a.m.); Officers responded to a complaint call referencing a possible prowler on Reese Ave (3:56 a.m.); Officers responded to the scene of a hit and run on Reese Ave — a driver was arrested for DUI (7:56 a.m.); Officers responded to a complaint call on County Rd 249 (3:50 p.m.); Officers responded to a complaint call on Williams Ave (5:47 p.m.); Officers responded to a complaint call on N Claxton Ave (10:22 p.m.).

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REVIEW

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burglary – first degree, and other charges are pending. His father, Ronald Morgan, was charged with obstructing a government operation.

• Elba Police Chief Leslie Hussey, Lt. Russ Young, and Sgt. Wesley Hazel attended the Police Academy graduation Thursday, April 18, for new Elba Police Officer Joshua Sullivan in Selma, Ala. Officer Sullivan completed the 13-week academy training, and began his field training in Elba on Saturday, April 20, working with Sgt. Hazel.

TOP STORIES FROM MAY 2019

• The New Brockton Town Council on May 7th approved the appointment of Dale Grimes as new interim police chief for the Town of New Brockton. Then current police chief

Jimmy Duke was on an extended medical leave.

• Sheriff Dave Sutton said during a Coffee County Commission meeting it was his great honor to announce that Deputy Jace Holley would be receiving a Medal of Honor on Thursday, May 15, in Montgomery from Governor Kay Ivey. This was in commendation of heroic actions Deputy Holley performed June 2018 in saving three lives by pulling the victims from a burning vehicle of a motor vehicle accident in Coffee County.

• Elba teenager Joseph Cline [age 14] has a dream! That dream is to one day represent his home state of Alabama as part of Alabama's Swim Team in the Special Olympics National Games. Joseph competed with his swim team, the Wiregrass Waves, at the Special Olympics State Games, which were held on the campus of Troy University in Troy, Ala.

• The Coffee County Board of Education Thursday, May 23, accepted the resignation of Zion Chapel School principal Vohn Enloe, effective June 30th.

TOP STORIES FROM JUNE 2019

• Elba Police Officer Jimmy Lee "Leebo" Duke made his final stop at the Elba Police Department Monday, June 10, as a hearse from a funeral home in Greenville, Alabama carrying the officer's body stopped in front of the police station for several minutes. Duke died Sunday, June 9, at a Dothan hospital following a lengthy illness.

• The Coffee County Board of Education Thursday, June 6, approved a recommendation from superintendent Kevin Killingsworth to hire Matt Barton as the new probationary principal for Zion Chapel High School.

• Governor Kay Ivey announced Wednesday, June 26, that Ben E. Keith, a

major food and beverage distribution company, plans to invest \$100 million to open an advanced foodservice distribution center in Coffee County. The project will create 80 direct jobs over the next five years and provide an economic boost to New Brockton, a town of around 1,100 people in Southeastern Alabama. Ben E. Keith also plans to expand its manufacturing facilities at Kelley Foods, located in nearby Elba.

TOP STORIES FOR JULY 2019

• For the second year in a row, Elba City Schools Superintendent Chris Moseley garners a big smile when discussing the academic achievements for a graduating class. This time, it is for the just graduated Class of 2019. A figure nearing the \$800,000-mark in scholarship monies helps that smile tremendously, especially when one is talking about a class of just under 50 graduates.

• Nativ son Mike Holderfield over the past five years has become Elba's own personal fireworks man for the Fourth of July as he has delivered jaw-dropping, awe-inspired blasts in the sky to help locals celebrate Independence Day. Those who have watched the fireworks show presented by Holderfield in Elba each Fourth of July say his presentation could rival any professionals, anywhere... it is just that good, according to the locals. That is why the Let Freedom Ring fireworks display in Elba has become one of the area's most anticipated as July rolls around each year.

• Elba High School students Colin Harrison, Lauren Haley, and Elizabeth Woodham participated in the National FCCLA Conference held June 30 - July 4 in California. The students all brought home medals from the events they participated in, but they also brought home new experiences such as flying and going through an earthquake.

• Representatives of the Fox Theatre Institute [FTI] came to Elba on Friday, July 19, to deliver a \$25,000 check to the Elba Theatre, for a renovation project being headed by Restoration 154. Leigh Burn, director of FTI, said the grant check to the Elba Theatre marked the first time FTI had funded a project outside of Georgia.

TOP STORIES FROM AUGUST 2019

• The construction of a new playground for Elba Elementary School reached the end of Phase I of construction, making way for the new equipment to be installed.

• A single vehicle accident Thursday, Aug. 1,

claimed the life of Jake Link Smith, age 18, of Jack. The accident occurred on Coffee County Road 215, approximately 14 miles north of Elba.

• Elba Police responded to a reported stabbing early Sunday morning, Aug. 11, and found a victim with multiple stab wounds. Later that night, Martin Caldwell (aka Sugar Daddy), age 39, of Elba turned himself in to police where he was charged with attempted murder.

• Attorney, Josh Wilson, appointed by Governor Kay Ivey as District Judge in Coffee County effective immediately. Judge Wilson has served as an Assistant District Attorney for the 12th Judicial Circuit for the past six years. Wilson officially accepted his oath of office on Aug. 21st.

• Mr. Cook's Portable BBQ Smokehouse trailer, owned by LC Cook, was stolen Saturday morning, Aug. 24, from its spot in downtown Elba.

TOP STORIES FROM SEPTEMBER 2019

• The Elba Chamber of Commerce held its annual membership banquet Tuesday evening, Sept. 3, and former Auburn University football coach Tommy Tuberville was the keynote speaker.

Tuberville, an Arkansas native, was a highly successful college football coach at not only Auburn University, but also Ole Miss, Texas Tech and Cin-

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Note of Thanks

The family of **George Farris** is deeply thankful for the kindness and compassion you extended to our family during this difficult time. Whether you kept us in your thoughts and prayers, sent flowers, cooked meals or performed other acts of kindness, you have touched our hearts.

May God Bless You,
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Flower Arrangement Differences for Men and Women

When it comes to offering up flowers after a person has passed, there are subtle differences between a man's funeral arrangement and a woman's funeral arrangement. Though flowers have a traditionally feminine association, in reality, floral arrangements are a beautiful way to express sympathy regardless of whether the deceased was a man or a woman. They can add warmth and light to a space, and are a visual reminder that family members and friends are there to provide support.

Choosing an arrangement for a man When you are trying to select a floral arrangement to honor the life of a man who has passed away, you have options that contain a more masculine motif in both the type and color of flowers that are featured in the display. A viable option for a funeral flower arrangement for a male features a simple standing spray with just a few color variations, including red or white. A simple yet elegant display is the perfect choice to honor the life of the man. Common types of flowers that are used in an arrangement for a male's funeral include red, orange, white, blue, or yellow roses. Some people also choose to incorporate chrysanthemums, as they typically symbolize grief and come in masculine colors. Carnations are also a solid choice for a man's funeral arrangement, though be sure not to use yellow ones, as they typically signify disappointment.

Choosing an arrangement for a woman In order to express your sympathies over the death of someone's mother, wife, or daughter, consider selecting a floral arrangement that comes in pastel or more feminine shades. An arrangement for a woman who has passed tends to be more stylized in design, and may use flowers like roses, chrysanthemums, and carnations. Shades that work well for a female arrangement include pink, lavender, and yellow. Though offering flowers after the death of a loved one is a very traditional act, the arrangement you provide does not need to feel stuffy or outdated. There are plenty of ways to modernize an arrangement using contemporary styles, designs, and ideas. In fact, these arrangements are often viewed as a form of temporary modern art.

While flowers can be a beautiful way to honor a person who has passed, it is important to make sure proper etiquette allows for such an arrangement to be delivered without causing offense. For example, in some religions, floral arrangements are not allowed. This includes in a house of worship for Orthodox Jews. In the Protestant faith, only one floral arrangement is permitted in the space, meaning it is probably advisable not to send the flowers to the house of worship. When you understand the protocol for that particular religion, you can offer a kind gift without inadvertently offending anyone.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

CHARLES WAYNE HARRISON

Mr. Charles Wayne Harrison, age 86, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019, at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 27, 2019, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home with Rev. Joe Farris, Rev. Elbert Smith and Rev. Will Jordan officiating. Burial followed in the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens cemetery.

Survivors include his wife: Adelia Harrison, Elba; daughters: Phyllis (Kent) Williams, and Sheila Ann Harrison, both of Elba; sons: Kenneth Wayne Harrison and Timothy (Linda) Harrison, both of Elba; sisters: Betty Hicks, Elba, Mary Sue Kelley, and Annette Windham, both of New Brockton, Ala.; grandsons: Matthew Williams and Bridge Harrison, both Elba; and great-granddaughter: Braelyn Harrison, also of Elba.

PATRICIA ANN BLANKS

Mrs. Patricia Ann Blanks, age 70, of Lanett, Ala., died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019, at Bethany House in Auburn, Ala.

She was born on June 16, 1949 in Coffee County, Alabama to

the late Giles "Coot" Hudson and Alzie Lee Hudson.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 28, 2019 at the Johnson Brown-Service Funeral Home Chapel in Valley, Ala., with Pastor Darren White officiating. Burial followed in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Patricia Ann was preceded in death by her husband, Harty Blanks; her parents; and her siblings, Annette Simmons, Nellie Holcomb, and Danny Hudson.

Survivors include her two children: Kevin (Vickie) Blanks and Felicia (Jonathan) Walden; two grandchildren: Jordan Walden and Taylor Walden; her sister: Merle (Johnny) McInnis; and her brother: Steve (Carolyn) Hudson.

MANUEL R. "MAC" GALIMORE

Mr. Manuel R. "Mac" Galimore, age 75, a resident of the Pine Level Community, died Thursday, Dec.

26, 2019, at the Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services were held Dec. 28, 2019 from Mt. Olive Baptist Church with Rev. Ben Amlong and Rev. Olan Strickland officiating. Burial followed in the Pine Level Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. The family requests contributions be made to Pine Level Cemetery Fund, c/o Carol Wilson, 1055 N. Claxton, Ave. Elba, AL 36323.

Mac was preceded in death by his parents, Willo-dene Nelson Galimore, and Wilmer Galimore, along with a sister, Brenda Galimore Ethridge, and a brother, Wilmer Lamar Galimore.

Survivors include his wife: Diann Bryan Galimore, Elba; sons: Warren (April) Galimore, Springhill, Ala., Todd Galimore, Elba; daughter: Stacy (Travis) Marsh, Troy, Ala.; granddaughters: Brittany (Jace) Colley, Troy, Presley Galimore, Andalusia, Ala.; grandsons: Hunter (Shelby) Bass, Brody Marsh, Kolby Galimore, all of Troy, Layne Galimore,

Springhill, Gage Galimore and Ashton Galimore, both of Andalusia; great-granddaughter: Elizabeth Colley, Troy; great-grandson: Jackson Bass, Troy; and a sister: Lynda Galimore (Joe) Flowers, Dothan, Ala.

LORENE BROWN

Ms. Lorene Brown age 83 of New Brockton, Ala., died December 18, 2019, at her residence.

Funeral services were held Dec. 28, 2019 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba, directing.

She was born on October 9, 1936, the second child to Velma and John D. Caldwell. At the age of 18 Lorene married Roy Belcher and moved to Lake Wales Fla., where she started a family. Ultimately, she gave birth to eleven children. Lorene later married Carlisle Brown. After her retirement in St. Petersburg, Fla., she moved back to Elba a couple of years ago.

She was preceded in death by two sons – Steven Belcher and Anthony Belcher; her only sister – Catherine Caldwell-Neal; five brothers - Wilbert Caldwell, Cecil Caldwell (Clara remains), Zelma Caldwell (Jossie remains), Bobby Caldwell and Adolph Caldwell; numerous grandchildren - Temisha, Kerry, Tron, Curry, Tamara, Neco, Chanee, Shawn, Alonzo; Rimeco, Michele Jr., Jerrime; Sidney, Kendall, Kolby, Glen II, Nedra, Robert, Bryan, Travis, Symone, Ishmael, Jasmine, Derrick Jr., Elijah and Tymel.

Survivors include her children: Patricia Belcher-Bolton (Jack), Hephzibah Ga., Roy D. Belcher, River-view, Fla., Phyllis Belcher, Augusta Ga., Juanita Belcher-Adkins (Michele), New Port Richey, Fla., Cornelius Belcher (Cathey) McDonough Ga., Glen Belcher, (Nedra), and Angela Belcher, both of Augusta, Derrick Isham, Apopka Fla., and Darron Isham, St. Petersburg, Fla.; one brother: James Caldwell (Betty); numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren; and a large host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

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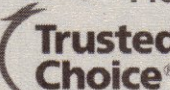
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CHURCH NEWS

Reflections

GUEST COLUMN BY MICHAEL J. BROOKS

Welcome 2020

It was so long ago that the principal at the elementary school greeted us at a school program and said, "This is the class of 2000!" All us parents laughed, not having thought of what lay in store 12 years ahead. The graduation year came and went without major incident, despite the Y2K fears. Now we stand on the verge of another momentous year: 2020.

There's something encouraging about a new year. Maybe the turning of the calendar page or putting a new blotter on the desktop is psychological—we think of new beginnings. We think about aspects of our lives that can be different.

A friend has lost more 40 pounds in the last few months. He told me he realized he'd been a slave to food and got winded when bending to tie his shoes. Now he looks and feels better and sleeps without his sleep apnea machine. All it took was a good and hard look at his alternatives, and he made a new choice.

We do this, too, with money. We can choose the latest fashion, the largest house and the shiniest automobile in the neighborhood, living beyond our means, or we can get realistic with our needs and quit trying to impress.

Another friend told about going to his insurance agent to update information after purchasing a new car. The agent asked who the lien holder was, and he said none—he paid cash. The agent remarked he didn't hear this much. My friend said he heard the late financial counselor Larry Burkett years ago encouraging listeners to continue making car payments to themselves after their cars were paid off, thus saving for the next purchase. Burkett helped many people get out of debt with this and other practical advice. Dave Ramsey does this today, and most often at a higher decibel level!

Relationships offer fertile ground for change as well. I've known sisters and brothers from the same families who grew angry over this and that and ended relationships. The older I get the more puzzled I am over this. Life is short and family is important. Like the prodigal son in Jesus's story discovered, home and family may be all we have in a time of need.

When seeking restoration it's normally not helpful to dredge up and analyze the past. It's more beneficial to be humble, to express heartfelt sorrow for brokenness and to ask permission to start again.

Another relationship that may need attention is with the God who gave us life. We're assured he stands ready to greet us with mercy in the new year. He wants us to walk the uncharted paths of 2020 in partnership with him.

Reflections is a devotional column written by Michael J. Brooks, pastor of the Siluria Baptist Church in Alabaster, Ala.

This could be your church news right here!

Share your events and happenings with us!!

Church News is Due on Mondays!

ACTS Ministries to host youth conference at end of month

On Jan. 30th - Feb. 1st, ACTS Ministries will host an Evangelistic/Prophetic Youth Conference. Services for January 30th and 31st will begin at 7 PM. The service on February 1st will begin at 6 PM.

The guest speakers will be Co-Pastor Lois Russell

(30th) and Pastor Tirrell Glover (31st). The ACTS Ministries Youth Pastor, Elder Rodrick Caldwell, will be honored on February 1st.

Please bring church youth to be a part of this conference.

Looking for Something to do in January... Check Out Dothan's Landmark Park!

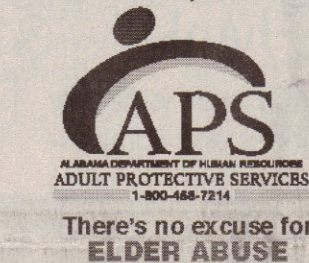
JAN 4, 11, 25 • BIRD WORKSHOPS Landmark Park will offer three bird workshops this winter. Learn about these fascinating and lovely creatures of flight found in our local forests as well as your own backyard. All workshops begin at 10 a.m., are free with gate admission, and will be presented in the Interpretive Center Auditorium. Registration is required. To register, please go to www.landmarkparkdothan.com.

JANUARY 18 • INTRO TO LEATHER CRAFT at 9 a.m. in the Interpretive Center Auditorium, students will be introduced to the basic skills used in leather work. Little to no experience is necessary. The class will complete a project together (key chain or bracelet). Students will learn about types of leather, how to cut patterns, basic tools used in leather craft, how to hand stitch and other simple techniques used in leather craft. Space is limited. Visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com to register.

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Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: The Lord the Shepherd of His people. Psalm 23: 1-6

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A'miya Hutchinson, Faye Manning, Lillian Finch, Michael Manning, Corene Daniels, Betty Moore, Mary Sue Dawson, Dea. J.L. Williams

January Birthdays / Anniversaries

Shayla Bright 1/8
Corene Daniels 1/8
Emmett Bright 1/8
Natalie Luckett 1/9
Annette Brunson 1/10 (in memory)
Darrean Burks 1/10
Lavon Rideaux 1/12 (in memory)
Helen Phillips 1/14
Angela Caldwell 1/15
Mary Janelle Kelley 1/16
Kobie Belcher 1/16
Christina Carpenter Nelson 1/18
Hattie Bell Carpenter 1/18 (in memory)

** Governor Ivey appoints new Lowndes County Sheriff

In mid-December, Governor Kay Ivey appointed Christopher West as the new sheriff for

Lowndes County. He fills the term of Sheriff John "Big John" Williams who died in the line of duty after being shot by a teenage suspect in November.

West has served in law enforcement for 24 years, working in Lowndes County and as chief of police for Fort Deposit. Prior to his law enforcement career, West served in the U.S. Marine Corps. According to the governor's office, he currently was serving as the administrative assistant for Fort Deposit police chief at

the time of this appointment.

The governor was quoted as saying, "He's got big shoes to fill, but I'm very confident that he can do that and he certainly is excited to serve."

**** Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church will host the Annual Mission Minded Women's Conference** on Saturday, Jan. 11, at 10 a.m. The church is located in the Tarentum Community in Brundidge, Ala. There will be two speakers: Minister Virginia Glover and Sister Samantha Williams. All women are invited to attend.

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 12/26/19

Q: Who became King of Judah when he was eight years old, and reigned for thirty-one years?

A: Josiah became King of Judah when he was just eight years old. [read 2nd Chronicles 34:1]

Saying that Makes Sense

It's not about what happens to you but about what you do with what happens to you. Pray, Prayer Changes Things

Question for the Week of 1/2/20

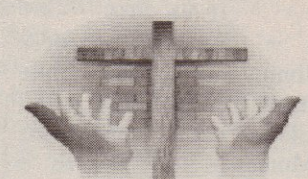
Use Your Concordance – True or False

Q: Manasseh was fifty-five years old when he became King, and he reigned for twelve years?

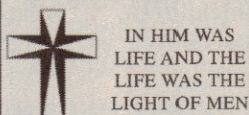
Q: The King of Babylon whom God sent to punish Judah and Jerusalem was Alexander the Great?

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue



Church Directory



IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIGHT OF MEN

ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 11:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Senn, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST
Rev. Remonia Smith
Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m.
Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . . 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Dale Morgan, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

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Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

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Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adeock, Pastor
Sunday Morning . . . 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH.
Overseers - Bro Billy Berry
Sat. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting . . . 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Phillip Morris, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Ben Posey, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service . . . 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Kevin Byrd, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study . . . 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
James Starks Jr., Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study . . . 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Bib. Stud. Wed. . . 6:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH
Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon. . . 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class . . . 7:00 p.m.
Fri. Missionary Ser. . . 7:00 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lorelei Flowers, Minister
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Noon Worship . . . 12:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon. . . 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class . . . 7:00 p.m.
Fri. Missionary Ser. . . 7:00 p.m.

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba
Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class . . . 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
C.P. Davis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH
Donald Mills, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Shayne Allen, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship . . . 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE
Ruby Lawson, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Ken Wilson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
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Kenneth Hagler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
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WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Donnie Marler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

LIFESTYLES



ELBA'S NEWEST ROTARIAN...The Elba Rotary Club recently inducted its newest member, Rev. Steve Reneau of Elba United Methodist Church. Above, Reneau (right) is being welcomed by Club President, Justin Maddox. Rotary's mission is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. For information on getting involved, contact Justin Maddox or Tonya Jones.

Arts Alliance brings Masters of Soul to Enterprise on Jan. 16th

The Coffee County Arts Alliance and Center Drugs & Home Health will present Masters of Soul – A Motown Music Review on Thursday, Jan. 16, at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.

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Troy Bank and Trust gives away giant Christmas stockings

Each year, the Troy Bank & Trust Kids Advantage Club sponsors a Giant Christmas Stocking Giveaway. This year's winner for Pike County is Bella Fuller. The winner for Houston, Dale and Lee County is Henry Gay. The winner in Coffee County is Ashlee Owens.

The Troy Bank & Trust Kids Advantage Club is a savings account designed especially for children under the age of 12. For more information, contact a Universal Banker at any Troy Bank & Trust location.



Coffee County winner, Ashlee Owens and Elba Branch Loan Officer Rene Lambert.

All seniors age 60 and older encouraged to join fun at Elba Senior Citizens Center

The Elba Senior Citizens Center encourages all seniors – age 60 and older – to join the center for lots of fun, activities and more.

Along with nutritious meals 5-days-per-week, the director works with seniors to help them apply for several programs they may qualify for, including: Farmers Market Vouchers, HRDC- Energy Assistance, Food Assistance, Medicaid Waiver, Senior Rx Program, Medicare Savings Program, etc. A senior must be an active participant at the Elba Senior center for the director to sign up for programs that they may qualify for to receive assistance.

To become a center participant, attendance is not based on income. This is a

social place to come have fun and find or make new friends. If interested in joining the center, stop by or call 897-3019. The Elba Senior Citizens Center is located at 304 N. Factory Ave., Elba. Also, seniors age 60 and older that cannot come to the center may qualify for meals being brought to home. Contact Donna Falls, Elba Senior Center director, for more information.

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Heather Deal (right) receives the "Teacher of the Month" award from Southeast Insurance's Ronnie Young. Harrand Creek Elementary teacher receives teacher of the month award

Southeast Insurance & Real Estate in Elba recently awarded its November "Teacher of the Month" honor to Heather Deal, a fourth grade teacher at Harrand Creek Elementary School in Enterprise, Ala. Deal teaches math and science.

A graduate of Zion Chapel High School, she became a respiratory therapist after high school and currently also works part time at Baptist South in Montgomery. She said she enjoys being a therapist, but after working in the pediatric department of the hospital she felt com-

pelled to teach following a conversation she had with one of the little girls in the unit. Deal completed her internship for elementary education at Harrand Creek. She is a graduate of Troy University and plans to work towards her Master's

degree. In her spare time, she enjoys being with her family and going to church. She also loves trips to Lake Martin and the beach when she gets to vacation. Heather is married to Ethan Deal, and she has a 4-year-old son, Kallen, and a golden retriever, Scout.

Republican Women of Coffee County to meet Jan. 15th

The Republican Women of Coffee County will meet Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club.

The program will be a Congressional District 2 Representative Candidate Forum.

Social time begins at 11 a.m. and a \$12 optional buffet opens at 11:20. The program begins at approximately 11:50.

The public is invited to attend, but reservations are necessary in order to ensure adequate seating and food.

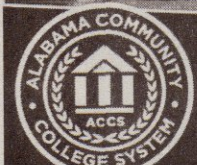
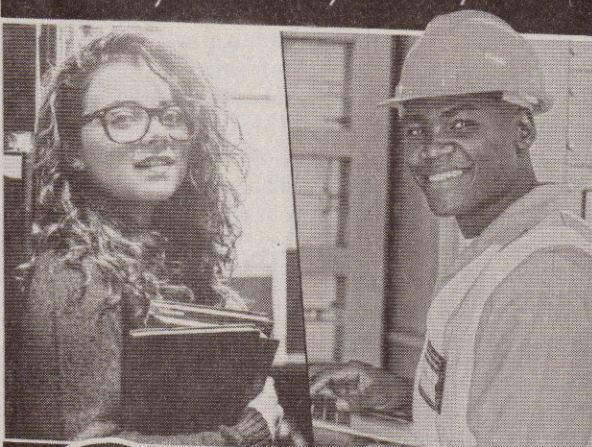
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF DENNIS KEITH BRUCE,

deceased.

Get a healthy start in 2020 with the Alabama Tobacco Quitline

Ring in the New Year is often seen as a chance to get a fresh start. The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) encourages Alabama's smokers to start a healthier, tobacco- and vape-free life with the help of the Alabama Tobacco Quitline.

Using the Alabama Tobacco Quitline is simple: Alabama residents can call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) or visit quitnow.alabama.com for free help.

"Many people make that New Year's resolution to quit smoking, but too often they try to do it by themselves and end up failing," said ADPH Tobacco Prevention and Control Program cessation manager Monica Moore.

"What we're offering through the Quitline is an improved chance at success because you're going to get the support you need to succeed."

That support includes individualized coaching services available over the telephone or online seven days a week from 6 a.m. to midnight. Residents who are medically eligible and enrolled in the Quitline

program can also receive up to eight weeks of free nicotine replacement therapy (NRT).

Moore said using the Quitline will not only provide immediate health benefits to the smoker, but to the smoker's family, friends, and co-workers as well.

"Children exposed to secondhand smoke see an increased risk in sudden infant death syndrome and respiratory infections, among other things," Moore said. "Adults can see their risk of stroke and lung and heart disease grow because of secondhand smoke as well."

"With the Quitline, we're offering a chance to not only improve and protect your own health, but the health of your loved ones also."

In Alabama, 19.2 percent of adults are smokers compared to the national rate of 16.1 percent, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) 2018 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. Smoking is the number one cause of preventable death and disease in the nation,

and kills more than 8,600 adults in Alabama each year. Annually, the state spends more than \$1.88 billion in health care costs directly caused by smoking.

Concern over the use of e-cigarettes and vaping products is growing as the CDC continues to investigate a national outbreak of lung disease associated with e-cigarettes and vaping products. As of December 10, over 2,400 cases of e-cigarette or vaping product use associated lung injury have been reported to the CDC from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. ADPH has confirmed 13 cases of this lung disease as of December 26. One Alabama resident has died due to this lung disease.

For additional information on electronic cigarettes and their health effects, visit www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/index.htm. For more information on quitting tobacco, please visit ADPH Tobacco Prevention and Control at alabamapublichealth.gov/tobacco.

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/s/ Margarette G. White
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Witness my hand this the 11th day of December 2019.

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Jennifer Corbitt Presley
Personal Representative
12/19-3tpd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN Re: The Adoption by CHEQUITA WALKER,

PC-2019-082

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To: Re'Nece La'Shae Parnell:

You are hereby notified that a Petition to Adopt has been filed by Chequita Walker in the Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, (Elba Division) to adopt the minor child, J. J. W. You are required to appear and plead to or answer the same within (10) days of the last publication, which will be the 9th day of January 2020. This matter is for hearing on the 30th day of January 2020 at 10:00 a.m., in the Coffee County Probate Office, in Elba, Alabama. This the 20th day of December 2019.

/s/ Steven E. Blair
Steven E. Blair
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January 10th, 2020

SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson isn't a hunter, but does love his 'Nurf' guns and pistols, and now has an arsenal after Santa brought him several more to add to his collection. The weapons all use the same foam bullets that don't hurt his victims. However, he does have pretty good aim and when you go to battle with him you do get stung. Believe me, I am an easy target!

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Lady Tigers wrapped up* their busy early-season schedule over the holidays with two wins at a tournament in Red Level, and heading into area play next week have now played a total of 15 games against 15 different teams. Coach Shaun Hammonds put together the busy schedule that included four tournaments, so that his team could see a variety of styles of play against a variety of teams, and in rolling to a 10-5 record posted wins over such opponents as Georgiana, Houston County, Carroll, Luverne, Houston Academy, Pike County and Highland Home. The five losses were disappointing to the girls, but three of them came to second ranked Class 2A power Geneva County, 12-2 3A power Straughn, and 3A power Geneva, with the other two coming to a pair of Florida schools. The Lady Tigers have good size, are very quick and play aggressive on both ends of the court, and if they will work hard and keep improving they should threaten for an area title.

*** *Most of the teams in the area* used the holidays to get in some extra work in the gym, but the Brantley Bulldogs did compete in a couple of tournaments and have emerged as a threat to claim an area title. The Bulldogs play extremely hard on both ends of the court and can really shoot the ball. Their early-season win streak got snapped at a tournament in Red Level, but the Bulldogs are for real and will win a lot more games as the season rolls along.

*** *Back when Elba Tiger* multi-sport standout Alex Wright signed with UAB to play football I thought he had made a mistake and that his future in college sports would be on the basketball court. Boy was I wrong! Alex turned into one of the best defensive players in Conference USA as an outside linebacker with the Blazers and was named to the 2019 'All-Freshman' team for his exploits. The tall and lanky defensive standout was just that at Elba High and dominated only when he got fired up, but at UAB the coaches have fine-tuned his talents and made the most of his unique length to make him almost unblockable at his position. His position coach insists Wright can be a first round pick in the NFL is he keeps working, and all his fans here in Elba are pulling for him to work hard, improve and make all Elba Tiger fans proud.

*** *In closing....* It is a little hard to believe, but when the high schools get back from the holidays it will be time for the baseball and softball teams to begin practice. The opening week of the seasons aren't until Feb. 13, but it will be time to start throwing and I imagine there will be some cold afternoons ahead.

Alex Wright named to 2019
CUSA 'All Freshman' team

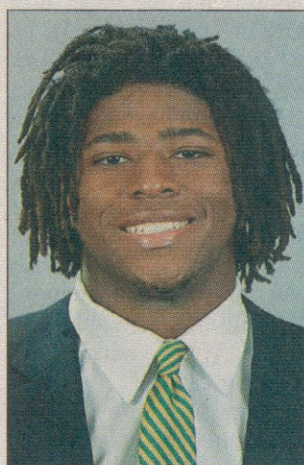
Conference USA handed out its post-season honors recently and named to the '2019 All-Freshman' team by a vote of the conference's 14 head coaches was former Elba Tiger standout Alex Wright.

Wright, a 6-4, 235-pound, outside linebacker, made a total of 28 tackles during his first year with the Blazers, including 8½ tackles for losses, 4½ sacks, 2 fumble recoveries, 1 forced fumble and 3 quarterback hurries.

The All-Freshman team included four players from Florida Atlantic University, three each from North Texas, Southern Mississippi and Western Kentucky, and two from UAB, as well as one from other schools.

Wright's biggest games of the season came against Southern Miss, Florida Atlantic and North Texas, when he made 4 tackles in all three games, while he also shined against SEC power Tennessee, with 3 tackles and 1½ tackles for losses.

In a feature article published in AL.Com, by Mark Almond, Wright stated, "Coming in I just had to get the feel of things. Feeling out the first few games, trusting in my coach and the techniques he taught me. I



ALEX WRIGHT

did what I did and God took care of the rest. I play with confidence, but I always stay humble. I just keep working and perfecting my craft. It is never too late to improve and there is always something else you can learn to make yourself and the team better."

Outside linebacker coach Nick Gentry, a former SEC standout at Alabama, said, "If you can play, you can play! He is a different breed of player with his length and he's also got power. He doesn't realize how much power he really has. If he ever figures it out he's got a lot of first round ability. I've been around a lot of NFL first rounders that I played with at Alabama and he has that type of ability."



Elba Lady Tiger head coach Shaun Hammonds talks with his team during a time-out during a recent win. The Lady Tigers improved their record to 10-5 with two wins last week at a tournament in Red Level, and will tipoff area play Jan. 7 at home against Kinston.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

Improve record to 10-5

Lady Tigers pick up two tournament wins

The Elba Lady Tigers concluded their busy holiday schedule last week at the 22nd annual Red Level Christmas Tournament and posted two wins in three games to improve their record to 10-5 on the season.

Following are highlights of all three games in the tournament:

Crestview 65 Elba 37

The Lady Tigers tipped off tourney action against 6A Crestview and held their own for three quarters before running out of gas in a 65-37 loss.

Elba managed only one field goal and hit only 2 of 11 free throws in the opening stanza to allow Crestview to race out to a 14-4 lead. However, the Lady Tigers battled back in the second quarter and led by the play of Nina Williams and a late 3-pointer by Celeste Edwards used a 17-2 run to carry a 21-16 lead in at the half.

Williams continued to get to the basket in the third quarter, but Crestview picked up the pace on defense and took advantage of Lady Tiger turnovers to regain the lead and went on top 38-30 heading into the fourth quarter. Elba cut the lead to 38-33 early in the final stanza on a three-point play by Jaylyn Baker, but Crestview closed the game with a 27-4 run to runaway and claim the 65-37 win.

Nina Williams scored 16 points and Jaylyn Baker added 8 to lead Elba, while Hallee Duncan scored 20 points to lead Crestview.

C'view (65): Reese 4, Simmons 15, Bonilla 14, Casey 10, Goldsmith 1, Duncan 20, Senn 1.

Elba (37): Baker 8, N. Williams 16, M. Williams 2, Sanders 1, Edwards 6, Hooks 4.

Elba 46 Red Level 36

The Lady Tigers led all the way to claim a second round 46-36 win over Red

Level, in losers bracket play.

Elba jumped out to a 9-0 lead with 4:22 remaining in the opening quarter sparked by four points from Nina Williams and a 3-pointer from deep in the corner by Melissa Williams, but the Lady Tigers failed to score in the final four minutes of the stanza and watched as Red Level pulled within 9-5.

Jaylyn Baker sparked a Lady Tiger rally early in the second quarter as Elba regained command and upped its lead to 17-8 with 3:14 left in the stanza. However, the Lady Tigers again went into a scoring drought and added only one point the remainder of the quarter and at the half went in with a slim 18-16 advantage.

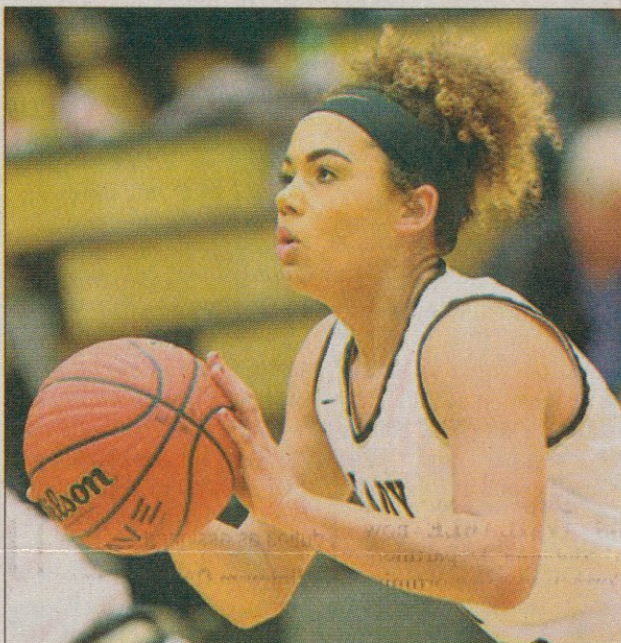
The Lady Tigers regained command again early in the third quarter and led by the play of Freeda Hooks and Jaylyn Baker stretched their lead to 27-18 with 4:39 left in the quarter, only to see Red Level battle back and cut the Lady Tigers lead to 29-25 heading into the final stanza.

Jaylyn Baker sparked an early 6-0 Elba run that pushed the Lady Tigers lead to 35-25 with 4:38 left on the clock, but Red Level once again rallied and pulled within 35-32 with 3:03 remaining. A three-point play by Nina Williams helped slow down the Red Level rally, and when Williams added two free throws with 1:57 left the Lady Tigers were on top 42-32 and this time held on and claimed the impressive 46-36 win.

Jaylyn Baker and Nina Williams both scored 14 points to lead Elba, while Liz Cross led Red Level with 19 points.

Elba (46): Baker 14, N. Williams 14, U. Chism 2, M. Williams 7, Hooks 9.

R.L. (36): Cross 19, Wilkerson 7, Joyner 2, Carroll 5, Sanders 3.



Elba Lady Tiger Jaylyn Baker eyes the goal as she prepares to shoot a free throw. Baker was named to the 'All-Tournament' team for her play at the Red level Christmas Tournament.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

Elba 51 High. Home 22

The Lady Tigers closed out tournament play with a solid 51-22 romp past Highland Home.

Nina Williams was on target early and sparked Elba to an early 9-0 lead on a 3-pointer from deep in the corner, while Jaylyn Baker took charge inside and Freeda Hooks scored late in the stanza on a steal and a layup to send the Lady Tigers into the second quarter with a 17-0 lead.

Elba's lead grew to 25-5 with 4:28 remaining in the second quarter on a free throw by Freeda Hooks, and went to 33-8 with 2:36 remaining in the half when Melissa Williams drained a 3-pointer. Nina Williams, Melissa Williams, Breanna Sanders and Celeste Edwards all nailed 3-pointers

for the Lady Tigers in the quarter, and the halftime Elba went in with a big 36-10 lead.

The Lady Tigers lead grew to 39-10 early in the third quarter on a three-point play by Jaylyn Baker, and while the Lady Tigers went deep into their bench for the remainder of the game, they never stopped scoring and Undrya Chism added a late 3-pointer to put the icing on the lopsided 51-22 win.

Nina Williams scored 12 points and Freeda Hooks added 10 to spark the Lady Tigers, while Breanna Sanders added 9.

Elba (51): Baker 6, N. Williams 12, U. Chism 4, Hooks 10, M. Williams 7, Sanders 9, Edwards 3.

Home (22): Toles 2, Whiddon 5, Thompson 2, June 3, Reese 8.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Food preservation workshop set for Feb. 1st at Landmark Park

On Saturday, Feb. 1, learn all about food preservation--from canning, drying, freezing and more--with Bridgette Brannon, a regional extension agent in food safety and quality. This class will last about an hour and half and will give participants an overview of food preservation. It will also touch on gardening topics such as what to plant, when to plant and when to harvest for best results. This workshop is limited to 25 participants and registration is required. Registration can be made online at www.landmarkparkdothan.com. Thanks to the support of the Wiregrass RC&D, this workshop is free to participants. This will take place at 10 a.m. on Feb. 1st in the Interpretive Center Auditorium. Landmark Park is located on U.S. Hwy 431 North, three miles north of Dothan's Ross Clark Circle.

REVIEW

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cinnati before retiring from coaching.

- On Monday, Sept. 16, the Alabama Forestry Commission (AFC) issued a Fire Danger Advisory for all 67 Alabama counties effective immediately until rainfall is received. Current drought conditions and persistent high temperatures have combined to create a high probability of fuel ignition and an atmosphere favorable for wildfires.

- The Elba Water and Electric Board received word Monday, Sept. 23, that it had been approved for a \$4.4 million loan and \$1 million grant from USDA, if the board chose to accept it. The catch...the board had less than 24 hours to make a decision. After a lengthy discussion, the board voted to accept the funds.

- During a special called meeting Monday morning, Sept. 30, the Elba Board of Education voted to accept the resignation of Pate Harrison as a physical education teacher and head football coach at Elba High School.

TOP STORIES FROM OCTOBER 2019

- The finishing touches to the TJ Northey Memorial Playground at Elba City Schools were spread all over the ground with the help of Elba students, teachers, administrators and community members. Rubber mulch was provided for the playground through a grant from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM). The ADEM funding was made possible through the Alabama Scrap Tire Fund and the ADEM Scrap Tire Marketing Program which develops and assists projects to highlight the use of recycled tire materials.

- City and state officials gathered Thursday morning, Oct. 10, at the Carl Folsom Airport in Elba, Alabama for the dedication ceremony of a new T-Hanger that already is fully occupied with six airplanes. The new T-hangers were filled before construction was even completed, and those lucky enough to get one of the six slots certainly have a top-notch building to store their aircraft in at the Elba airport.

- A bit of rainy weather did not dampen any spirits Wednesday, Oct. 16, just outside of New Brockton on

Coffee County, Alabama land when the shovels dug into the dirt and ground officially was broken on the construction of Ben E. Keith Foods new Southeast Division Distribution Center. This center will contain 423,681 square foot of state-of-the-art equipment, offices, and more over 118 acres of land. There also will be an opportunity for future expansion on the Ben E. Keith Southeast Division Distribution Center site in Coffee County.

- The Elba Fire Department moved one step closer to acquiring an air boat Monday evening, Oct. 28, when the Elba City Council approved a bid for purchase of the boat. Elba Fire Chief Drew Parker said the acquisition of the air boat for river rescue had been included in the department's budget as a capital expenditure expense for this year. He said with the river in its current condition, especially with the drought conditions this year, the department has had no way to get to those stranded on the river. He explained, however, the benefits of an air boat to allow the department better access to those stranded on the river and in need of rescue.

TOP STORIES FROM NOVEMBER 2019

- Elba Mayor Mickey Murdock announced he was happy to finally receive good news from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding the flood buyout from the December 2015 flood, just shy of the 4-year mark of the local disaster. The mayor said FEMA had made its final approval and funding for the flood of December 2015, and the process is now in the hands of AEMA [Alabama Emergency Management Agency]. The 75 percent cost-share project has a total cost of \$4,134,873 with FEMA's share being \$3,101,155.

- The Elba High School Alumni Association answered a call for assistance when a \$4,000 check was presented to Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley to help with the purchase and installation of a new Public Addressing System at Tiger Stadium.

- Coffee County Board of Education members held their annual board meeting Thursday, Nov. 7, and while



Danny's Dozier is shown cleaning up the last of the debris from the Bullard home located on Newton Street in Elba. The home was owned by Bobby and Elaine (Peepsie) Bullard. They had lived there for years following the death of Bobby's mother, Mrs. Bessie Bullard. However, as the house aged, repairs became more and more frequent and reached a point where the couple decided it was more practical for them to move than undertake the major repairs needed.

As the City of Elba embarked on the long-range project of upgrading housing in Elba the couple decided to just remove the old house rather than leave it for the City to remove and place a lien on the property for the cost of the removal. Those costs would include the actual removal and related legal notices, hearings, etc. The removal was done several weeks ago, and green grass is already growing where the house once stood.

Adams stays on top of Eufaula's wintertime crappie

By DAVID RAINER,
Alabama Department of
Conservation and Natural
Resources

Of all the outdoor experiences my mother, now 86, enjoyed the most, it was watching a cork disappear as a slab crappie grabbed the minnow at the end of the line.

As is normal procedure, I check in on her every few days, and she wanted to know what I'd been doing. "Catching crappie," I said.

"I didn't think you could catch crappie this time of year," she responded. "Well," I said, "You haven't been crappie fishing with Tony Adams."

Adams is the fish-catching wizard who can catch crappie any time of year on his home impoundment - Lake Eufaula.

Although Eufaula is known as the "Bass Capitol of the World," Adams spends most of his time on the water catching crappie.

When most folks in the outdoors community are in the woods chasing whitetails or cottontails, Adams is locating the likely spots where crappie congregate this time of year. He uses his Humminbird Helix 12 bottom machine (manufactured in Eufaula) to locate the fish on the spots he has found over the years. He uses the side-scanning feature to locate the spot and then switches to down-scanning to pinpoint where the fish are located on the structure.

"I find structure in 15 to 20 feet of water," said Adams, who manages the Eufaula Marvin's building supply store when he's not catching crappie. "When I see the fish on the Humminbird, I'll drop down a minnow anywhere from 8 to 10 to 12 feet, depending on where the fish are holding."

Adams uses 10-foot B&M poles and spinning reels with 6-pound-test, high-viz line. When the fish are deeper in the winter, he uses a No. 2 gold hook and a split-shot pinched 12 to 18 inches above the hook. If it

gets a little windy, he'll use a second split-shot to keep the bow out of his line.

The reason he uses the high-viz line is because it's a lot easier to watch during the sunny, clear days.

"Obviously, you watch your rod tip, but I also watch that line," Adams said. "Sometimes crappie will bite and come up with it. You can tell by the slack in the line that you've got a fish."

When Adams hits the lake, he always has a bait bucket or two with plenty of minnows.

"In the summer, I'll tip a jig with a minnow and bounce it off the bottom," he said. "In the winter, I just use a minnow."

Adams prefers to hook his minnow through the bottom lip and through the hard cartilage on the front of the head to allow more action from the bait.

"In the wintertime I try to keep the bait right at about the depth the fish are holding," he said. "Then we just wait to see that rod tip bounce or go down and then pull in a slab."

Of course, the weather plays a significant role in his fishing success during the winter, especially the wind. The cold doesn't bother him. He just adds more clothes. It's the wind that dictates his strategy.

"During the winter, the less wind there is, the better the fishing I can do," he said. "You have to keep the bait in front of the crappie most of the time. The fish are in big schools on the structure. The more time you can have that minnow in front of the crappie, the better your chances of catching them."

Adams said the wintertime pattern kicks off on Lake Eufaula around the first of December, and crappie will remain on structure until the weather starts to warm in February.

"In the middle of February, they'll start moving into the mouths of the creeks to do some pre-spawning," he said. "We'll start catching a lot more fish in the creeks. Then when they move up to spawn, we'll catch a lot of fish in the creeks. That's when I start throwing jigs around the grass, the rocks and bridge pilings. I'll be shooting (casting underneath) docks because the fish are getting shallow. On Lake Eufaula, it seems the bigger fish come up first."

"In the spring, sometimes they're in 12 inches of water all the way down to 5 feet of water. Some of them spawn in 5 feet of water. Sometimes they'll spawn deeper than at other times."

Adams will do two things while the crappie are in their transition period from spawn to summer. He catches plenty of catfish, but he also makes sure plenty of structure will be available to fish for the summertime and wintertime patterns. "While the fish are

spawning, I'll put structure out in deeper water," said Adams, who uses mainly bamboo but will also sink crepe myrtles and small cedars. "I'll take a 5-gallon bucket, fill it about halfway with water. I'll pour in some concrete mix. I'll have the bamboo already trimmed at the bottom and start sticking it into the concrete. I'll make sure the bamboo is sticking in every direction. Then I'll look for spots where the new structure will cover about half the water column. If I'm going to put it out in 20 feet of water, I'll have the bamboo about 10 feet tall."

"Right about Memorial Day is when the crappie are back on that heavy structure in the middle of the lake," he said.

On our trip last week, we hit the lake with a cold front approaching. It was the kind of day a bass fisherman dreams of - cloud cover with mild temperatures and the barometer falling. Those conditions usually put the bass species into a feeding frenzy.

We found out that doesn't translate to crappie fishing. With a light fog and heavy cloud cover, the fish weren't really in a biting mood. We'd catch two or three fish in one spot and then have to move to find a few more.

Then - cue the Hallelujah Choir - the sun broke through the clouds, and the bite began in earnest. Within six or seven minutes, we had put 10 nice keepers in the boat. That trend continued until the approaching front forced us back to the boat ramp.


"My favorite time to fish is when the sun is shining," Adams said. "I think the fish get tighter to the structure. I also think maybe the sun shining may give that minnow a different kind of look in that deep water. That sunshine seems to kick off the bite. We definitely did a lot better when the sun was shining."

Back to the wind, which will determine whether it's worth launching the boat on certain days.

"On a real windy day, it's hard to crappie fish," he said. "Based on where you are in the lake, if you have 6- to 7-mile-per-hour winds, it could be white-capping. That will mean 15-inch to 2-foot waves. That minnow is moving up and down with the waves, which is not natural. With the crappie not as aggressive in the wintertime, they're not going to bite something moving like that."

"I'm looking for 5 miles an hour or less. Calm is even better. Cold is not a problem. You can drop that minnow right in front of his face. It may take him a few minutes to hit it, but he will eventually hit it."

Although we didn't use any types of bobbers to catch the fish, I'm sure my mom won't mind when I fry her up a batch of fillets from the 38 crappie we put in the ice chest.



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